



BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

JIM IRVIN  
Commissioner - Chairman  
RENZ D. JENNINGS  
Commissioner  
CARL J. KUNASEK  
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - TARIFF  
FILING TO ADJUST THE RATE FOR  
DIRECT INWARD DIAL NUMBERS

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-98-0306

DECISION NO. 61039  
Arizona Corporation Commission

ORDER

DOCKETED

AUG 6 1998

Open Meeting  
August 4 and 5, 1998  
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) is certified to provide telephone service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

2. On June 12, 1998, U S WEST filed tariff revisions to adjust the rate Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers pay for their Direct Inward Dial (DID) telephone numbers:

Exchange and Network Services Tariff

Section 20, Page 18, Release 3

3. In Decision No. 60978, dated June 30, 1998, the Commission suspended the filing for a period of sixty (60) days to allow Staff time to complete its review of the proposal.

4. DID is a service that provides for the direct completion of incoming calls to end users served by the CMRS provider's equipment, each end user is assigned an individual telephone number. CMRS includes cellular and paging services.

1           5.       DID telephone numbers are currently available to CMRS providers in blocks of  
2       20 sequential numbers or 100 sequential numbers. Both monthly and non-recurring charges are  
3       currently assessed to the CMRS provider for each DID number block option chosen to.  
4       U S WEST's proposal eliminates the existing monthly charge for each number block option and  
5       adjusts the non-recurring installation charge to reflect the actual cost of providing the service.  
6       According to U S WEST, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) in Order 96-333 (the  
7       FCC Order) directs it to make the proposed adjustments to its intrastate rates. Paragraph 333 in  
8       the FCC Order states, "...telephone companies may not impose recurring charges solely for the  
9       use of numbers." Staff believes that U S WEST's proposal to eliminate the monthly charge for  
10      each number block option complies with Paragraph 333. The proposed rate adjustments would  
11      be retroactive back to October 7, 1996, the effective date of the FCC's order. U S WEST's has  
12      estimated the proposed rate adjustments will reduce intrastate revenues by \$1.2 million a year.

13           6.       U S WEST's proposal also increases the non-recurring charge for a 20 number  
14      block from, \$20.00 to \$30.84 and reduces the charge for a 100 number block from \$100.00 to  
15      \$19.44. The proposal also introduces a non-sequential number option that allows the CMRS  
16      provider to order individual numbers instead of only blocks of 20 or 100 sequential numbers.  
17      U S WEST's proposed non-recurring charge for each non-sequential number is \$3.84.

18           7.       Staff believes that efficient utilization of telephone numbers can delay number  
19      exhaust and the need to introduce new area codes in the future. Staff believes that this filing will  
20      increase the amount of numbers utilized by CMRS providers and will result in a less efficient  
21      utilization of these numbers. Staff does not know if this increased demand for telephone  
22      numbers will have any significant impact on the impending 602 number exhaust or the exhaust  
23      of future area codes (currently, CMRS providers use approximately five percent of the numbers  
24      available for assignment in the 602). U S WEST has not conducted any studies to determine  
25      what effect this filing will have on number utilization by CMRS providers.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated July 29, 1998, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve the filing on an interim basis for a period of six (6) months.

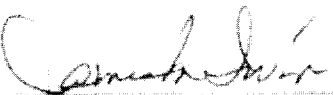
ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby is approved on an interim basis for a period of six (6) months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that U S WEST be required to provide Staff with monthly reports as described in Findings of Fact No. 8.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the filing be granted permanent approval after the interim approval period unless otherwise acted upon by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 6th day of August 1998.

JACK ROSE  
Executive Secretary  
DISSENT

RTW:DS dij:CCK

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